

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE BUSINESS & LABOR STANDING COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2011
ROOM 215, SENATE BUILDING**

Members Present: Sen. John Valentine, Chair
 Sen. David Hinkins
 Sen. Dan Liljenquist
 Sen. Steve Urquhart
 Sen. Kevin VanTassell
 Sen. Gene Davis
 Sen. Karen Mayne

Member Absent: Sen. Curt Bramble

Staff Present: Bryant R. Howe, Assistant Director
 Karen Allred, Committee Secretary

A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.

Chair Valentine called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Sen. Davis moved to approve minutes of the February 28, 2011, meeting.

The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Liljenquist and Mayne absent for the vote.

1. **H.B. 107 Volunteer Firefighters' Retirement Amendments** (*R. Menlove*)

MOTION: Rep. Menlove explained the bill and the following amendments were proposed:

1. *Page 1, Lines 13 through 15:*

13 ▶ requires the Retirement Office to fund the long-term disability benefits for new
14 {~~volunteer~~} firefighters using certain premium tax revenues previously deposited
 into
15 the Firefighters' Retirement Trust Fund; and

2. *Page 2, Lines 44 through 45*
House Committee Amendments
2-11-2011:

44 (a) an amount determined by the office to fully fund the long-term disability program
45 provided for {~~volunteer~~} firefighters under Section 49-23-601;

3. Page 2, Lines 51 through 51g
House Committee Amendments
2-11-2011:

- 51 (c) any remaining amount in accordance with Section 49-11-902.
- 51a {~~fi~~ → (3) (a) In accordance with rules made by the office, a participating employer shall
- 51b provide the office with information on each person who is actively serving the participating
- 51c employer as a volunteer firefighter in order for the person to be eligible for long-term
- 51d disability coverage under this section.
- 51e ~~—~~ (b) A participating employer shall provide to the office:
- 51f ~~—~~ (i) the information under Subsection (3)(a), not later than July 1, 2011; and
- 51g ~~—~~ (ii) updates to the information as changes occur. ←fi }

4. Page 4, Line 119 through Page 5, Line 128:

- 119 49-23-601. Long-term disability coverage.
- 120 (1) {~~Each~~} A participating employer shall cover {~~the following employees~~} a public safety employee who initially enters employment on or after July 1, 2011, under Title 49,
- 121 Chapter 21, Public Employees' Long-Term Disability Act, or a substantially similar long-term
- 122 disability program {~~:~~} =
- 123 [(1)] {~~(a) public safety employees initially entering employment on or after July 1, 2011;~~}
- 124 [(2)] {~~(b) firefighter service employees initially entering employment on or after July 1,~~
- 125 2011; and}
- 126 [(3)] {~~(c) volunteer firefighters.~~}
- 127 {~~(2) The office shall ensure that the long-term disability program provided for volunteer~~
- 128 firefighters under this section is funded with money paid under Section 49-11-901.5.} =
- (2) (a) A participating employer shall cover a firefighter employee who initially enters employment on or after July 1, 2011 under Title 49, Chapter 21, Public

Employees' Long-Term Disability Act.

(b) In accordance with this section, a participating employer shall provided long term disability benefit coverage for a volunteer firefighter as provided under Section 49-16-701.

(c) The office shall ensure that the cost of the long-term disability benefit coverage provided under Subsection (2)(a) and (b) is funded with revenue received under Section 49-11-901.5.

MOTION: Sen. Mayne moved to adopt the amendments.

The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Urquhart and Davis absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Van Tassell moved to transmit H.B. 107 with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Urquhart absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Van Tassell moved that H.B. 107 be placed on the Consent Calendar.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. **2nd Sub. H.B. 331 Post-employment Benefits Amendments** (*J. Dougall*)

The Committee members discussed the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Van Tassell moved that the bill be held with a recommendation that it be referred to Interim Study.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. **2nd Sub. H.B. 128 Health Reform Amendments** (*J. Dunnigan*)

Rep. Dunnigan explained the bill.

Sen. Liljenquist assumed the Committee Chair.

MOTION: Sen. Van Tassell moved to transmit 2nd Sub. H.B. 128 with a favorable recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Valentine and Davis absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Van Tassell moved to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Valentine and Davis absent for the vote.

Acting Chair Liljenquist adjourned the meeting at 8:53 a.m.

Sen. John Valentine, Committee Chair